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Lake Fact Sheet – Parry Sound District

Grandview Lake

Location	
Official Name:..... Grandview Lake	Local Names: Clear Lake
County/District: Muskoka	Geographic Twp: Ridout and McLean
Municipality: Township of Lake of Bays	MNR Admin. Area: Bracebridge
Lat./Long: 45.2008 N 79.0514 W	UTM (NAD83): 17 653047 5006891
Topographic Map (1:50,000): 31E03	Drainage Basin: South Muskoka River

Physical Features		
Surface Area (ha): 74	Maximum Depth (m): 28	Mean Depth (m): 10
Elevation (m asl): 335	Perimeter (km): 4.8	Island Shoreline (km): 0.1
Volume (10 ⁴ m ³): 721	Watershed (km ²): 2.7 (excludes area of lake)	Water Clarity (m): 5.7

Land Use and Development	
Crown Land (%): 0	Provincial Parks: none
Shoreline Development: intense; shoreline residential	
Access: public; small boat/canoe access via trail on Hwy 117 right-of-way at East Grandview Lake Road	
Water Level Management: not regulated	

Fish Species
Major Fish Species: splake (S), smallmouth bass (I), largemouth bass (I 2016), burbot, lake trout (E?), brook trout (), cisco (E?)
Other Fish Species: yellow perch, pumpkinseed, rock bass (I 2010), white sucker, longnose sucker (?), lake chub Rainbow smelt (I 1976)
Other Species:

Notes: E: extirpated, I: introduced – intentional or accidental, O: occasional, R: remnant, S: currently stocked, ?: status uncertain, 2009: year of first record or introduction if known, blank: presumed native

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Fisheries Management

<i>Fisheries Management Zone:</i>	15
<i>Designation for Lake Trout Management:</i>	not designated
<i>Fishing Regulation Exceptions</i>	no lake-specific exceptions (2014)
<i>Current Stocking:</i>	splake; stocked with yearlings every second year on a put-grow-take basis
<i>Historic Stocking (range of years stocked):</i>	rainbow trout (1943), smallmouth bass (1948-1953), brook trout (1939-1963), lake trout (1942-1975), splake (1986-)
<i>Contaminants (species tested):</i>	no testing done
<i>Assessment:</i>	<i>Completed Projects:</i>
	1960 biological survey
	1971 lake survey
	1975 lake survey
	1976 lake trout assessment
	1987 splake stocking assessment
	1989 water quality study
	2010 splake stocking assessment

Synopsis

The original fish community of Grandview Lake is not well documented. Extensive stocking had already occurred before the first survey of the lake was done in 1960. A comment in the file suggests that lake trout may have been native. Given their distribution in the general area, it is also possible, if not likely, that brook trout also occurred. The Deputy Chief Ranger of the time recalled 'that in 1937, smallmouth bass fishing in this lake was very good', despite the first stocking record being in 1948. The introduction of bass ultimately resulted in the discontinuation of brook trout stocking and the limited amount of deep water habitat resulted in a discontinuation of management for lake trout after 1975.

The early record of longnose sucker was probably a misidentification as they have not been documented in subsequent assessments.

Splake stocking began in 1986 and is ongoing. The 2011 assessment caught a small number of large individuals indicating that initial survival was poor but subsequent growth was good. Stocking of larger fall yearlings since 2012 has improved survival considerably and is key to obtaining good returns of stocked fish when smallmouth bass are present.

The 2010 assessment caught one rock bass, the first record for the lake. They are now well established. No cisco were caught, despite additional netting effort to catch them. Cisco were abundant in the catches in 1976 and 1987. The cause of their apparent decline and possible extirpation is not known but may be related to competition with and depredation by non-native smelt.

In 2014, a large lake trout was angled. It was a remnant stocked fish that was aged to be over 40 years old; remarkable even for this long-lived species.

In 2016, a largemouth bass was angled and presumably a self-sustaining population has become established. Their origin is unknown but they were probably stocked intentionally, albeit without authorization.

Also in 2016, a group of adult brook trout was observed in the vicinity of suitable spawning habitat. This unexpected observation indicated that a viable self-sustaining native population occurs in the lake.

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